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Applicant: Lowrey et al. Serial Number: 09/276,273 Filing Date: March 25, 1999

Examiner/Group Art Unit: Cao, P./2814

Title: ELECTRICALLY PROGRAMMABLE MEMORY ELEMENT WITH

IMPROVED CONTACTS

REQUEST FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for a period of ONE MONTH to respond to the Office Action dated December 29, 2004. This request is made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). The period for response has expired on March 29, 2005 and is accordingly requested to be extended to April 29, 2005.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 in connection with this petition to Deposit Account No. 05-1068.

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